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In re application of: Kazutoyo MAEHIRO et al.

Application No. : 09/821,267

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Group Art Unit : 2152

Filed : March 29, 2001

Examiner : Chad Zhong

For : INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD FOR MESSAGE  
COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☒ No additional fee is required.

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☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3)).

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of December 22, 2005, in which a three month shortened statutory period was set to expire on March 22, 2005, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Reply.